

Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

Draft Conference Call Minutes
Harry S Truman Building, Suite 680
Jefferson City, MO
December 9, 2009

MMPEC Members present on the call: Chairman Dalton Wright, Vice Chairman Representative Terry Witte, Mr. Jeff Bloemker, Mr. Robert Welling and Mr. Kent Thomas.

MMPEC members not present: Senator Frank Barnitz, Senator Bill Stouffer and Representative David Day.

MMPEC Advisory Members present: Mrs. Maggie Martin, Mr. Roger Layman and Dr. Annette Sobel.

Department of Economic Staff: Trent Griffith, Boards and Commission Coordinator; Marcy Mealy, DED; Sherry Anderson, DED.

Chairman Wright called to order the December 9, 2009 conference call meeting of the MMPEC at 8:05 a.m.

2009 Annual Draft Report - The table of contents will be adjusted as necessary to reflect what is inside the report. Mr. Welling recommended a separate section be devoted to the work the MMPEC did on Global Strike Command which should include the written narrative outlining the initiation and effort put forth by the MMPEC. The Global Strike Command should be placed under accomplishments as it relates to the yearlong attempt, not necessarily the success or passing of the Global Strike Command.

The next subject discussed was the cover letter which was agreed to be placed as the introduction document of the 2009 Annual Report. The actual introduction has been changed and updated; a last sentence was added to the intro: **We are dedicated to making Missouri a more friendly military state.**

The commission membership roster is current, correct Dr. Ann Sobel to Dr. Annette (Annie) Sobel, Office the Provost, University of Missouri, (Major General Arizona National Guard Ret.) The MMPEC board has a vacancy and that will be noted under commission members

The military presence portion of the draft was reviewed, the Army Reserve section is fine, the Nation Guard section is fine and the Rosecrans section is fine with the exception of the first bolded sentence which needs to be removed. The Fort Leonard Wood section regarding the 2nd to last paragraph, 1st sentence was re-worded to read **The defense authorization bill ensures that Fort Leonard Wood has what it needs to accommodate the growing number of soldiers...** It was discussed there needs to be more photos submitted and should be of action shots of military personnel. Additionally the MMPEC would like to include a picture of the Governor with the troops in Afghanistan.

The Missouri Veterans Commission section is fine. The Department of Defense Impact in Missouri section is fine, removed was the last sentence of the first paragraph because the employment numbers cannot be verified.

In the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunities for Military Children section, Mr. Welling would like to add language from the Compact's articles that refers to the Compact Commissioner being

responsible for the administration management of the State's participation in the Compact; shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member State; this language is also in the legislation. The Compact Commissioner is the only representative that has voting rights at the national meetings. The language will be added to the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunities for Military Children section. It was discussed that a recommendation was made to the Governor that General Danner be appointed as the Compact Commissioner. It was discussed that the Compact Commissioner and State Council members has not been appointed to date. Mr. Welling would like all resolutions drafted by the MMPEC to appear verbatim in the report. There were a total of 3 resolutions made in 2009.

Mrs. Martin recommended adding the note that the State of Missouri had signed the most City Covenants in 2009. The PA at Fort Leonard Wood might have this information.

Recommendations for Legislative Action section - #4 the first 4 words were deleted to read: Fully fund Missouri's participation within the Interstate Compact of Education Opportunity for Military Children; #7 the first 3 word were deleted to read: Fully fund the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; the Recommendations for Other State Action section, #6; Mr. Welling will check on current language and may want to substitute, #2a, should read: investigate military posts and bases in Missouri to ascertain the land expansion needs of each post or base and formulate a strategy to work with and harmonize efforts with post or base commanders to accomplish or additional land utilizing the post and base commanders' discretionary authority to do so with Federal funds and, in addition, to implement whatever Federal administrative or legislative action necessary to achieve the expansion goals.

Next conference call was set for December 17, 2009 @ 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned

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